



Donald "Don" Dean

April 29, 1932 - December 13, 2023

Donald "Don" Dean, 91, of Wann, died Wednesday, December 13, 2023, in Bartlesville.

Don, as he was known, was born the third of ten children to Levi David and Grace Eleanor (Hawk) Dean on April 29, 1932, in Wann, OK. He was raised in the area, attending Wann schools where he was active in school sports. Don graduated with the class of 1950 and went on to Coffeyville Community College on a sports scholarship. He entered the U.S. Army and served in Korea from 1952 to 1954.

While away he exchanged weekly letters with Delores Ann Drews, a young lady from Lenapah. Those letters were so important to him, even in his later years. Once home, they united in marriage at the South Coffeyville Methodist Church on October 23, 1954. Delores preceded him in death in 2022 after 68 years of loving marriage.

Don started his working life as a machinist with Wheatley's Valve in Caney for several years. His true passion was training bird dogs and he went into training full time. He trained dogs throughout the United States and even to Canada and Mexico. He organized field trials for local hunters to showcase their hunting dogs and mentored many hunters along the way. Quail and pheasant hunting is what he loved and enjoyed the 60 plus years he trained

his bird dogs for that purpose. His greatest accomplishment was training dogs for Phillips with annual trips to Stony Island, NY.

Don and Delores enjoyed working together in the yard, putting in a big garden. They also loved taking long drives. His children called him the “Lawn Ranger.” He loved to mow not only his yards but also sometimes his neighbors. He mowed for the city of Wann, keeping Wann Beautiful.

Don saved the best of himself for his grandkids and enjoyed spending time with them and loving on them. They knew that when they were with him, they were getting the best part of him. He lived his dream and always said, “I have no regrets.”

Don is survived by his four children, Linda Hendricks of Wann, Okla., Donna Howerton and husband Spike of Lenapah, Okla., Nancy Petty and husband Don of Oologah, Okla., and Mike Dean and wife Sandra of Wann, Okla.; eight grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; and siblings, Jerry Dean and Sue Phillips. He is preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Delores; and siblings, Jack, Treva, William, John, Early, Clara and Joyce.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Don’s memory to The Journey Home, 900 NE Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 30, 2023, at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
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Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald "Don" Dean*



Davis Family Funeral Home - December 26, 2023 at 02:59 PM

PP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Donna our hearts hurt right along with you as brothers and sisters in the Lord.*

Pat Parks - December 22, 2023 at 10:49 PM

DG

“ *To the family of Donnie, I give you my sincere condolences. He was a good friend to my dad, Leon, and a friend to the Gaskill family for as long as I can remember. May you have ever lasting good memories.*

Don Gaskill - December 22, 2023 at 04:56 PM

CA

“ Another one of our good old friends and buddy to many including me, my brother Donald (Brub) Alexander both belonged to a little sportsman club in Wann with Don back in early 60s and I worked with Donnie in Caney and we shared riding together to work a lot, anyway I knew all of the Dean kids and their folks a really good family, I guess its my buddy Jerry that had a lot to do with about 64 years+ of my great life and friend Sue is all there is now?? We will be thinking of all the family with good memories and love. Charles and Marylin Alexander. face book charles alexander in Fl. e mail clalexander35@comcast.net

Charles Alexander - December 22, 2023 at 12:39 PM

SF

“ Linda, Donna, Nancy and Mike, your dad has always be a great guy. I am so sorry for your loss. Sharon Burrows Finney



Sharon Burrows Finney - December 18, 2023 at 08:13 AM